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Board of Supervisors

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CVCA Policy Statement in support of a GSA Advisory Committee.pdf;

For your review. Thank you.

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From: Lynn Carlisle [mailto:lynn@cvfrc.org]
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 12:19 PM

To: Board of Supervisors <Boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Public Comment for Nov. 1st Board Meeting, Agenda Item #21 (SGMA)

To San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors,

Please find attached a position statement from the Cuyama Valley Community Association (CVCA), a grassroots community organization that represents diverse stakeholders in all areas of the Cuyama Valley.

The CVCA Board unanimously voted to submit this statement to all potential members of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). We are hopeful that San Luis Obispo County will become part of the Cuyama Valley GSA, as a large portion of land in the Valley is in SLO County.

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This statement is pertinent to the GSA formation process. We respectfully request that this email and the attached statement be distributed to the San Luis Obispo County Supervisors in advance of the November 1st meeting.

Thank you,

Lynn

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Cuyama Valley Community Association

October 19, 2016

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
Kern County Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Cuyama Community Services District Board of Directors

Re: Support for the Formation of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Advisory Committee

Dear Supervisors and Board Members,

The Cuyama Valley Community Association (CVCA) represents diverse stakeholders who live, own, or work throughout the Cuyama Valley, and thanks you for your participation in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Cuyama Basin. As the Cuyama Basin GSA formation process begins, the CVCA requests your support for the formation of a Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory Committee (AC) to ensure that input from all beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the Cuyama Valley will be included in the SGMA process.

We request that, as the agencies that will be part of the formation of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), you authorize the formation of an Advisory Committee (AC) to be part of the GSA. We also request that the AC include a representative from the CVCA.

The formation of such an advisory committee is in alignment with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Section 10723.2, regarding representation on the GSA, and as we understand is encouraged in SGMA implementation.

To that end, we respectfully request:

- That the AC is created with a process that includes CVCA input as soon as possible, and that it is included in any GSA in any portion of the Cuyama Valley;
- That representation of the AC be included at all GSA meetings;
- That the AC receives all GSA and GSP information and meeting notices in a timely and efficient manner;
- That the AC will have the consistent opportunity to provide input to the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP);
- Membership of the AC should be encouraged and supported from a variety of the groundwater users in the Cuyama Basin.

If you would like to speak with a representative of the CVCA regarding this or any other issue please feel free to contact Paul Chounet, CVCA President, pchounet@cuyamaunified.org.

Respectfully,

Paul Chounet, President Brenton Kelly, Vice President Malcolm Ricci, Treasurer Pamela Baczuk, Secretary

Alex Guerrero, Director Dale Jackson, Director Jim Wegis, Director

CVCA Mission: The CVCA was established to build community among the residents of the Cuyama Valley, serve as a forum for discussing critical community issues, and advocate for the health and wellbeing of the Cuyama Valley community as a whole.

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